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Gone crazy for Christmas!

By Julissa Gomez



It is December and almost Christmas. People are starting to decorate their houses and put up their Christmas trees and decorations. Many people are going crazy on decorating their houses.

One of my neighbors decorated their house beautiful (crazy). They have a bunch of Christmas lights and colorful stuff. They went extra this year.

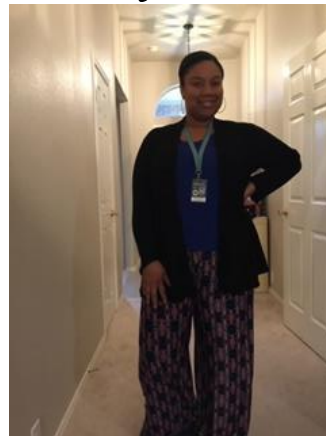
“I love going all crazy for Christmas, it’s never too much decoration for Christmas,” said my neighbor.

Many people stop by to admire the house. They even take pictures of the house.

Christmas is really going to glow this year.

Science teacher rocks at Hill

By Moo Paw



Ms. Grant is a science teacher here at Hill. She has been teaching at Hill for 7 years.

Ms. Grant was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

During her spare time, she likes to read and watch movies. During Christmas break, she is going to visit somewhere exciting.

"I am going to Louisiana," said Ms. Grant.

Her favorite place to visit is Florida.

Ms. Grant is an awesome teacher.

Holiday Sweets- Ranked

By Frank Cochran



Do you like the holiday season? What about sweets? Today, we have combined them to bring you a ranking of our top three favorite holiday sweet treats!

1. **Candy canes**- They have long been a holiday tradition. New flavors are becoming increasingly popular, along with the festive mint original. You can buy candy canes for very cheap in most stores, so don't miss out!

2. **Cookies**- All year round, there are a vast array of cookies in stores. Now that it is the holiday season, you can find ones decorated with snowmen and other icons. Too bad there's not James Charles, but you can sure make your own!

3. **Buche De Noel**- This means Yule Log in French. This cake is a French Christmas tradition. It is made up of sponge cake rolled into a cylinder and decorated to look like a log using chocolate and other ingredients.

Do you eat any of these sweets during the holidays? 6th grader, Kimberly, does! When asked her opinion on cookies, she said, "[They're] good."

I hope you enjoy the holidays and take care. Make sure to stay safe. Don't eat too many sweets!

Boys basketball team excels

By Ceferino Cruz

Have you wondered how the boys basketball team is doing this year?

8th grader Cody Fulenwider, who is on the team, said, "A team won one game and lost one."

In the last game 8th grader Keiontay Marsh scored 19 points to help his team win.

Marsh said, "We are going to work hard to get to the playoffs." Marsh says they are going to go to the finals.

They won the last game they played.

What do you suggest for Christmas?

By Jocelyn Shoumbert

It is that time of the year to spend time with family and most of all get gifts from the people you love! They're many things that a teen may want, so we are going to see and

maybe suggest what teens should get for Christmas.

“I think they should get gift cards for Christmas because they’re cool and if you don’t like the gift you can take your gift card and go to the store and get what you wanted,” said 8th grader Emma Hughes.

“I think you should get something useful, so they can use it and for it to just be there,” said eighth grader Karen Mendoza.

“Well I think they should get something they appreciate and always wanted so they can acknowledge their gifts,” said 8th grader Moo Rey.

They are many types of teens that want and hope to get something for Christmas. Make sure to ask for your suggested gift and have a happy holiday!

Teacher spotlight:

Mr. Romero

By Yuridia Rojas



Mr. Romero is the new assistant band director. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University. This is Mr.

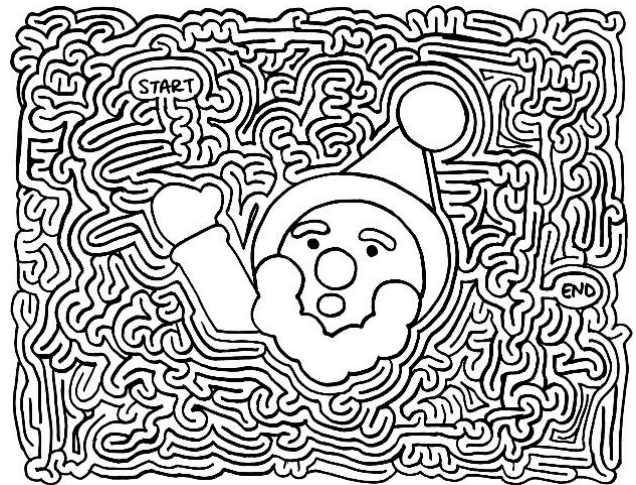
Romero’s first year teaching here at Robert T Hill Middle School.

“I love my job, sure it can be stressful, but I love my kids,” said Mr. Romero.

His favorite color is maroon. His birthday is November 4th.

He can play the saxophone, flute and clarinet.

All in all, Mr. Romero is a nice teacher. If you have any questions he is in the band hall.



Disney+ and Apple TV

By Emely Rodriguez



I'm sure you either have or heard of Disney+ and Apple TV. You probably might have both, but anyways, we wanted to know

what people thought about Disney+ and Apple TV.

“Disney + is better because they have Dora the Explorer which Netflix doesn't,” said 8th grader Jayden Vance.

Disney+ offers many more known movies.

“I like Disney + because I get to watch the Mandalorian,” said 8th grader Ian Marchand.

Apple TV also offers its own original movies and shows. Apple TV lets you watch movies and shows. It has great content from apps like Amazon Prime Video, Netflix, and ESPN2.

What do you think about both?

Cozy Clothes

By Victoria Kenny



Winter is upon us, so it's time to wear some comfy clothes. I'm here to give some suggestions what would be cool to wear.

Hoodie season is my favorite season.

8th grader Breanna Bailey said, “I wear fur boots, turtle necks, and leggings.”

“I wear lots of sweaters” said 7th grader Hillary Martinez.

Most people just wear hoodies all year round though.

But you know, it won't be cold for too long.

In my opinion, I like the cold, but some people don't.

Also, it's almost Christmas, so Merry Christmas.

A Taste of Love!

By Ty'Liyah Smith and Azalia Gonzales



Every person has a different taste. Everyone has a favorite thing to eat around the holidays. We are going to share one of the campus favorites.

Apple pie is 7th graders Azalia Gonzales favorite. To make apple pie you will need, 6 peeled apples, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons of flour, 1 tablespoon of lemon juice, $\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoon of nutmeg, put all of that into a crust and bake for an hour and 10 minutes.

Apple pie is one of the favorites from all around school. It's simple and delicious.

Will you make apple pie this year?

ACP'S around the corner

By Evaristo Hernandez



In less than a week, the first round of ACPS will be upon us and it will not be easy.

Your course subjects that will be tested are math, science, reading, writing and social studies.

Although our teachers are trying all they can it is our responsibility to be ready for them.

We asked 7th grader Ty'liyah Smith and 8th grader Victoria Kenny what will they be doing to get ready for their ACP'S and this is what they said.

"I plan on staying for tutoring and getting as much extra work as possible," said Smith.

"When it comes to test scores my mom doesn't play," said Kenny, "I plan on studying every second I can and going over all my notes."

Good luck on the ACPS next week!

Hill open house a success

By Corlynda Malvern



The open house was last Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00. The open house was fun and eventful. It informed visitors with a lot of information about our school.

"The open house allows the community to come and see what Hill has to offer," said 7th grade social studies teacher Mr. Ault.

They get to put it as a school option for their kids. They get a lot of information about our school.

8th grader Demarion Wreh said, "The open house was a lot of fun."

LCC sold food, STEM sold fajita dinners, and yearbooks were also sold. It was a very successful night.

Dear Highlander:

Your Questions Answered

Dear Highlander,

My family does not have a lot of money. I want something special for the holidays, but the bad thing is I can't afford it. What should I do?

**Sincerely,
Poor Pansy**

Dear Pansy,

My advice to you would be, to see if you can help anywhere. You can ask neighbors if you can clean their house or mow their lawn or do something nice for them for a bit of cash. Whatever you decide to do, do not steal. If you can't get it, you can look for something else or save up for it.

**Sincerely,
Katie Dotson**

Dear Highlander,

I just lost a loved one. I want to do something nice for my family. I don't know what to get them. Can you give me some ideas?

**Sincerely,
Caring Connie**

Dear Connie,

I am very sorry for your loss. I understand your situation. It is nice you want to do something for your family. If you want ideas, you can make them something, you can buy them a gift. Just know that whatever you do it's the thought that counts.

**Sincerely,
Katie Dotson**

Winter Break

By Angela Tapia



Winter break starts December 23 till January 6. During that time people usually go visit family or friends. We wanted to find out where some people were going this winter.

"I am going to Atlanta to visit my best friend," said 7th grader Ty'liyah Smith.

"People visit Atlanta to learn about its history, and it usually costs us about \$200 to get there and settle down," she added.

Winter break gives us time to be with loved ones and relax. It should be fun and exciting.

Where will you be going this winter break?



The ugly Christmas sweater contest was held on December 10.

Christmas Decorations



By Breanna Bailey

The jolliest time of the year is also one of the biggest times for decorating. If you're short on ideas, then why not look to books for inspiration? We spoke with many teachers here at Robert T Hill Middle School and so far most

of the teachers will be decorating their classrooms.

8th grade social studies teacher Mr. Trevino said, "I'm thinking about adding a small Christmas tree in my classroom."

It's surprising that even teachers are decorating for Christmas. This may even motivate students to do their best in school.

Top 10 Holiday Music



By Cody Fulenwider

Its nearing holiday time and you know what that means! It means it's time to get in the holiday spirit. One way we can do this is by listening to all of our favorite holiday music. Here are some of the most popular music picks for this season:

1. Sleigh Ride
2. Winter Wonderland

3. Jingle Bells "It's a classic that everybody enjoys", said 7th grader Ian Marchand.
4. Deck the Halls
5. This Christmas
6. Silver Bells
7. It's the Most Wonderful Time
8. Silent Night
9. Let It Snow "It's an upbeat classic that you can't get out of your head," said 8th grader Andrew Sivess.
10. Last Christmas

Making a good playlist takes about five minutes at the most and is really rewarding. Listening to a playlist while participating in your favor winter activities can make your holiday the best. Have a great winter holiday!

Girls basketball

By Savannah David



Have you ever wondered how the girls basketball team is doing? They have had an amazing record so far this season. The girls have been working tremendously hard outshining the competition.

We wanted to know what they thought about their season so far. 8th grader

Natalie Avila said, "I'm so proud of these girls."

8th grader Keliyah Anderson said, "We are hyped or our next game."

We look forward to seeing how the girls do this season.

Free Gifts

By Demarion Wreh



It is the holiday season and as you know this time around a whole bunch of presents are being bought. Some families do not have much money to buy presents, so agencies are coming together to donate and give presents.

Many churches have started gift drives for children, such as Toys for Tots.

Even local churches are pitching in.

"I love seeing the smile on the children's faces when they get the new presents," says Pastor Ese Eurse.

It is Christmas time and Christmas is about giving. Please stop by your nearest church, or Salvation Army, and give.

Holiday Movies

By Hillary Martinez



8th grader Corlynda Malvern and 7th grader Joanna Torres told us what some of their favorite holiday movies are during this time of the season,

“Stewart Little is my favorite,” said Malvern.

“The Grinch Who Stole Christmas is my favorite,” said Torres.

We also asked them why they like their holiday movies.

“Because of the family and the difference, it makes,” said Malvern.

“It reminds her of the meaning of Christmas,” said Torres

What is your favorite holiday movie?

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